

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 4, 2019

The Warren County Commissioners were sworn in by Michelle Hetrick, Clerk, for their first meeting for the month of March 2019. Present for the meeting were Thomas Hetrick, Adam Hanthorne, Brian Jordan and Jud Barce, County Attorney. Also, in attendance were Jenny Hobaugh, Matt Herndon, Walt Wilson, Bill Inman, John Kuiper, Silvers, Inman, Nick Weston, ~~Neil~~ Austin, Randy Haddock, Joe Silvers, Rusty Hart, Lori Heidenreich, ~~Melvin Shaw~~, Jason Silver.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan, President of the Commissioners.
2. Brian Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Brian Jordan presented the agenda for review. Tom Hetrick requested to amended the agenda concerning the Highway Department, Russell Rasmussen. Brian Jordan made a motion to remove the 3rd Floor Bathroom Renovation from the agenda. Lori Heidenreich, Treasurer, requested to be added to the agenda concerning Investment Information and John Kuiper, Zoning, concerning the Jordan Creek Windfarm. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to amend and approve the agenda with a second from Tom Hetrick, all voted in favor.
 - b. Tom Hetrick made a motion to approve the February 19, 2019 Commissioner meeting minutes, seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor and the minutes were signed.
 - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the February 19, 2019 through March 4, 2019 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Tom Hetrick, all voted in favor and the claim dockets were signed.
 - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the March 1, 2019 payroll dockets with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor and the payroll dockets were signed.
 - e. Highway Department – Matt Herndon, Highway Department Superintendent, explained that trying to work on the roads, but the weather has been an issue. Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager, stated that INDOT called concerning the “as is” plans for bridge #36 from 1905. The plans were found and Hobaugh is requesting to have an area in the courthouse to place paperwork such as this. Hetrick suggested having copies made of the original plans. Weston-Hubner suggested the Auditors vault in the courthouse. Hobaugh stated that the bridge inspector has them electronically. Hetrick suggested having them recorded in the Records Office.
 - f. Tom Hetrick, Commissioner, stated that Russell Rasmussen turned 100 and is recommending a road sign on the corn of 625E and Independence Pine Village road stating Russell Rasmussen boulevard. Tom Hetrick made a motion and Adam Hanthorne seconded the motion, all voted in favor.
 - g. Announcement of the Sharecrop Lease for County Owned Farm Operator – The contract is a 3-year contract. Jordan stated that the Commissioners met last week in an Executive Session to discuss. Tom Hetrick stated that we had a lot of good applicants and it was a tough decision, Jordan and Hanthorne Adam agreed. There were 13 applicants. Tom Hetrick made a motion to lease the farm to Jim Willett for a 3-year contract with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Jordan explained that there will a letter thanking all that showed interest and it was a very hard decision to make.
 - h. Lori Heidenreich, Treasurer, presented a Cash Advisory Agreement from Umbaugh Cash Advisory for signature as well as a name change to Baker & Tilley Investment Services. Jud Barce, County Attorney, reviewed the contract. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to continue working with Umbaugh and name change with a second from Tom Hetrick. Tom Hetrick opposed, Adam Hanthorne and Brian Jordan voted in favor.
 - i. John Kuiper, Zoning Director, inquired about a contact for the Jordan Creek Windfarm. Kuiper stated that in the agreement states a liaison/construction consultant to oversee the project and is asking if this is something that has been considered by the Commissioners. Kuiper stated that there have been surveyors in the County over the last week. Jordan stated that he will get in touch with Hunter Armstrong, NextEra, to see what the options are. Jordan volunteered to take the lead until further notice if agreed by other Commissioners. Adam Hanthorne agreed. Barce explained that the economic development payments must be used for specific items. Hanthorne suggested not put a person in the position until we have more information from NextEra. Jordan will keep the other commissioners informed. Rusty Hart, Sheriff, stated that in the northern part of the county there are markings from the surveyors. Hetrick stated that this could be a very busy position and he was led to believe in the original sales program that the wind company was to provide this position. Hetrick suggesting discussing this with the head of economic development in Benton County. Jordan will look into this. Jud will inquire through the windfarm attorney as he will be notifying them for the APC petition. There will not be an APC meeting on March 19th but there will be a BZA meeting the first week in April. There would need to be someone to present/witness at the meeting. Barce presented the petition to the Commissioners for approval. The petition was approved in a previous meeting, but needed to be signed. This will begin the process to present the petition. The Commissioners are only submitting this to the APC stated Hetrick. This will be at one of the April Commissioner meetings for approval.
 - j. Barce presented an Ordinance Adopting Security Restrictions at Courthouse. Barce explained that no open carry guns on 3rd floor or at public meetings in the courthouse. The public areas in the County Offices was discussed and department heads can setup the public access areas. Jordan suggested the end of each counter and restricted access to the back. Hart suggested a sign that is standard in each office and suggested escort to the restricted areas. Hart inquired concerning who has the authority to remove someone that is disrupted from the courthouse, but not criminal. Barce will look at other Indiana County Ordinances for this such as who has the authority sheriff, commissioner, etc.
4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
5. Old Business:
6. Public Comment:

Next Commissioner will be held March 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business Adam Hanthorne made a motion to adjourn with a second from Tom Hetrick, all voted in favor.

ATTEST: Robin Weston-Hubner W. Brian Jordan
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Adam Hanthorne
Adam Hanthorne, Vice President